Killings in Gaya district of Bihar

3617. SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM :
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SHRI VITHALRAO MADHAVRAO JADHAV:
SHRI ANANT RAM JAISWAL :
SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA :
SHRI SARADA MOHANTY :

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that several persons of a particular caste were killed and many injured by extremists belonging to Maoist Communist Centre at Bara village in Gaya district of Bihar on the 12th February, 1992 ;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the above killing were a reprisal of previous killings of the members of another caste in December, 1991 ;

(c) if so, the details thereof ;

(d) whether a Central Team also visited Gaya to ascertain the cause of the incident and loss of lives etc. ;

(e) if so, the compensation paid by Government to the next of kin of the killed and injured ; and whether Government have contemplated any steps to stop recurrence of such incidents in future ; and

(f) the other steps taken by Government to book the involved persons and whether Government propose inquiries into the mass killing by some experts and jurists ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB) : (a) to (f) According to information received from the State Government of Bihar, about 400-500 activists of Maoist Communist Centre (MCC) surrounded the village Bara of District Gaya in Bihar in the intervening night of of 12/13-2-1992 and set fire to 17 houses, took out the inmates of the houses with their hands tied behind and killed 32 of them by cutting their throats. One person died while being carried to the hospital. Eight people were injured who were hospitalised at Gaya, one of whom later succumbed to the injuries. It is believed that this was a retaliatory operation executed by MCC to avenge the killings of 10 SC/BC people on the night of 23rd December, 1991 in village Mein and Barasimha at the hands of an Upper-caste outfit. I visited Bara on 13th February, 1992. The Chief Minister of Bihar has announced an ex-gratia payment of Rs 1.00 lakh to each bereaved family besides a Government job to one member from each effected family. As per information furnished by the State Government, the ex-gratia, in addition to other relief has already been paid to 34 families. In addition to this action has also been taken to give Rs. 20,000 each to the next of kin of those killed and Rs. 5000 to those seriously injured, from the Prime Minister's relief Fund. The state Government has initiated certain actions. A case under Tekari PS No. 19/92 dated 13-2-92 was instituted against 34 named and about 400 unknown accused persons. Investigation is being pursued vigorously. As per information available, 102 accused persons have been arrested in this case. The district administration has been instructed by the State Government to take all steps to forestall recurrence of such incidents in future. All districts in the state have been put on alert. Central Government is providing all possible assistance to the State government in the form of additional para-military forces as well as sharing of intelligence inputs that become no available in this regard. There is

no proposal, however, to institute enquiries into the mass killings, by experts or jurists.

Action against Police Personnel

3618. SHRI N. E. BALARAM : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news items under the caption "Active employee falsely implicated" which appeared in 'Patriot' dated 5th February, 1992 ;

(b) if so, whether any action has been taken against the police personnel involved in the case ; and

(c) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB) : (a) Yes, Sir. A news item under the caption "Active employees falsely implicated" appeared in 'Patriot' in its issue of 5th February, 1992.

(b) and (c) An enquiry conducted by the Vigilance Branch of Delhi Police has shown that a worker of a restaurant in Connaught Place, New Delhi was falsely implicated in a case u/s 25/54/59 Arms Act, Police Station Kamla Market by three police officials. All the three police officials have been transferred to non-sensitive unit and a Departmental Enquiry initiated against these officials.

Smuggling of Sandal Wood on Pondicherry

3619. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY : Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state :

(a) the nember of cases of smuggling of Sandal Wood detected in Pondicherry during the last three years ;

(b) whether it is a fact that in some cases the Sandal Wood were returned and culprits were acquitted ; and

(c) what steps Governments are taking to stop smuggling of sandal wood since Pondicherry is used as a transit point by the smugglers ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI RANGARAJAN KUMARAMANGALM) : (a) As per the information furnished by Pondicherry Administration, seven cases of Sandalwood smuggling were detected during the last 5 years.

(b) In one case, the Sandalwood was released by the Court to the accused on surety, subsequently, the Court ordered return of the case property to the custody of Court, and the matter is under investigation. In another case the accused was acquitted, and the seized Sandalwood was not returned.

(c) The Administration proposed to make special provisions similar to that of Tamil Nadu Forest, Act to control the movement of Sandalwood in the Union Territory of Pondicherry.

दिल्ली पुलिस द्वारा परेशान किया जाना

3620. श्री सत्य प्रकाश मालवीय : क्या गृह मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार का ध्यान दिल्ली पुलिस द्वारा परेशान किये जाने के संबंध में दिनांक 26 फरवरी, 1992 के "दैनिक जागरण" में "पुलिस वाले सम्मान की बजाए परेशानी दे रहे हैं" शीर्षक के अन्तर्गत छपे समाचार की ओर दिलाया गया है ;